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IN RE APPLICATION OF : Andre C. Bidaud
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CONTROLLING RAILROAD SYSTEMS**
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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, 1.98 and MPEP § 609, applicant(s) submit(s) the following Disclosure Statement concerning art of which the applicant(s) is (are) aware. A copy of PTO-1449 is enclosed herewith.

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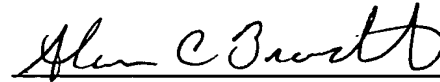
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It is respectfully requested that the attached document(s) be considered and officially cited in examination of this application.

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